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In the "Applicant(s)" section, "Gerald W. Walter, Peterborough, PA" should be -- Gerald W. Walter, Peterborough, **GREAT BRITAIN** --.

Verification for the requested correction is indicated on the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed June 7, 2006 (a copy of which, along with the date-stamped mailroom receipt, is enclosed herewith).

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/US04/02712 01/30/2004
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/563,594**

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Title

Composite material having the appearance of natural stone

Preliminary Class

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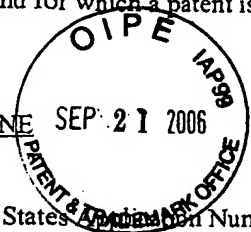
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☒ was filed on January 30, 2004, as United States Provisional Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCI/US2004/02712 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).



We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above

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We hereby appoint all attorneys of SUGHRUE MION, PLLC who are listed under the USPTO Customer Number shown below as our attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, recognizing that the specific attorneys listed under that Customer Number may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of Sughrue Mion, PLLC, and request that all correspondence about the application be addressed to the address filed under the same USPTO Customer Number

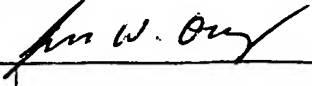
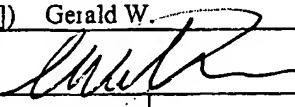
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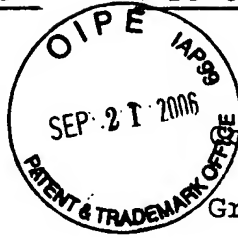
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